Children's Year Medal

1918 - 1919

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December 18, 1918.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Mr. Chester Beach has generously consecrated a beautiful design as a medal for Children's Year. This medal is about to be struck.

We trust you have heard of Children's Year - a period from April 6, 1918 to April 6, 1919, announced by the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor and the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense.

The medal will be used for commemorative and competitive purposes as it concerns the State Chairmen of each state and her many unit chairmen. It is hoped it will aid her to answer the very knotty question, "Where will the money come from to establish health centers, to pay for public health nurses, to provide the many other institutions needed to further the health and well-being of children?"

A photograph of the medal goes to you herewith. There is a general agreement as to exquisite beauty of design.

Mr. Beach has suggested that perhaps your association would help us in giving the medal publicity. Would you be willing to give us the advantage of your experience by advising with us about the ways and means of advertising the existence of this medal? Might we use your membership list?

The matter is somewhat pressing. I should be very grateful for a prompt reply. Thank you beforehand for any trouble you may take and any interest you may show.

Sincerely yours,

CHILD CONSERVATION SECTION

Jessica B. Peixotto

(Dr. Jessica B. Peixotto)
Chief.

Enc.

The medal, of which an illustration is given below, is one of the few without any direct connection with the present war, that have appeared during the past year. It is in commemoration of the splendid work which has been done by the Children's Bureau throughout the country. Several friends of the Bureau have formed themselves into a committee for the publishing of this piece.

The work of the Bureau commemorated by this medal may be briefly discribed as a direct effort to strengthen the new generation. The number of babies who die every year needlessly is appalling. The work of the Bureau has been one of education and prevention. Through a carefully systematized series of weighing and measuring tests defects or imperfections have been called to the attention of parents and means for remedying them pointed out. The value of this crusade will be felt in the years to come. That it could have been conceived and that it was carried to so successful a result in the midst of so many handicaps due to the ~~war~~ world conflict is the more credit to its supporters.

This medal commemorates that success. It is two inches in diameter (bronze). The design was made by Mr. Chester Beach, one of the foremost of our American sculptors, and it beautifully symbolizes the particular work which it commemorates. It will be distributed at cost to those who have interested themselves in bringing about the success through the Secretary, Dr. Jessica B. Peixotto, of the Committee. It is offered to readers of the Numismatist for $2.50 (plus 15¢ to cover postage and registration). Orders from those who have not been connected with this work directly may be sent to the Secretary of The American Numismatic Society, Broadway & 156th Street, New York.

December 21st, 1918.

Child Conservation Section,
Field Division of the Council of National Defense,
Washington, D. C.

Attention of Dr. Jessica B. Peixotto.

Dear Dr. Peixotto:-

Your letter about the Children's Year Medal, addressed to Mr. Wood, has been referred to me because I have been handling most of the matters connected with the medals recently published by our Society. Permit me to congratulate you upon the results that you have obtained in this medal. The design is very effective, and I feel sure that you could not have hoped to secure a more appropriate design. I shall be very glad indeed to help you if possible. While we could not permit that you use our membership list in issuing this medal, practically the same result might be obtained in another way. The Numismatist is a monthly publication devoted to our field. It is subsidized by this Society and goes to most of our members, and I should be very glad to prepare a notice calling attention to where this medal is to be obtained and under what condition and state the purpose for which it is issued. If you will give me permission to have the photograph which you sent me reproduced in this connection, that will be all that is necessary.

I note you say the medal will be issued "for commemorative and competitive purposes as it concerns the State Chairmen of each state and her many unit chairmen". This is a bit hazy, and I am unable to see what connection it will have with the selling of the piece. Do you propose to have more than one size? Our medals have been issued for ten dollars for the silver pieces and five for the bronze. I doubt that you could expect to sell this medal for anything above that. If you have two sizes however - that is if you have a small piece between a half dollar and dollar size struck in bronze you might be able to sell it in large quantities at a dollar each on something like the basis or involving the same principle through which the Red Cross finds no difficulty of disposing of their buttons for that sum. In other words it would become a benefit contribution, and I hardly think would

interfere enough with the sale of the larger pieces to be considered detrimental. It could then be handled by your State Chairman in ways that would meet local conditions, and the success from a monetary point of view would depend on the distribution of your effort over the entire country rather than through attempting to handle the matter from a central office only. If you have a poster illustrating the medal I shall be glad to put it on our bulletin board, and I think you might secure permission to place such a poster if you had it on the bulletin boards of the Museums throughout the country, although some might object. If no such poster is available, I can use the photograph which you have sent me, and append a typewritten note for our own bulletin board, and handle any inquiries that may be made by our visitors.

Please feel that I shall be only too glad to respond further to any questions which you may have.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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December 28, 1918.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York.

Dear Mr. Noe:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 21. It was full of helpful suggestions. I am going to take advantage of your proffer of further help on Tuesday of next week, when I expect to be in New York. May I telephone you in the morning and make arrangement for a meeting with you some time during that day? There are many details that I would like to discuss with one of your experience, and perhaps then I can make clearer to you the "hazy" passages in my last letter.

Very sincerely yours,

CHILD CONSERVATION SECTION.

Jessica B. Peixotto

(Dr. Jessica Peixotto)
Chief.

January 2nd, 1919.

Dr. Jessica P. Peixotto, Chief,
Field Division of the Council of National Defense,
Child Conservation Section,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Peixotto:-

As I promised, I am sending herewith additional folders showing the manner used for publishing our medals. May I emphasize one point which I fear I did not make clear in our talk.

The copies sold for five dollars to collectors should be numbered. They should be struck before the others, and emphasis should be laid on the fact that it is a limited edition. This will leave you free to make clear to the members of your State Committees that for two dollars they are securing a medal which actually brings more than twice that amount.

I await your further word as to when the material for the Numismatist is to be released - it goes to press on the 20th of each month so you may have to anticipate the official announcement to some slight extent.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

January 2nd, 1919.

Mr. Chester Beach,
207 East 17th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Beach:-

I am enclosing material for Dr. Peixotto as promised. You might extract the folders which are duplicated. I am enclosing a little note to her which you will please feel free to read.

With cordial wishes for a happy New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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CHILDREN'S YEAR MEDAL COMMITTEE

February 24, 1919

Mr.Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
156th Street and Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr.Noe:

Some time ago,when the plan for a Children's Year Medal was broached, I remember that you said you would be willing to send out a hundred copies of the announcement folder to members of the Numismatic Society who would be likely to be interested in such a medal.

The medallions and medals are now ready for distribution, and the announcement folders are just out of the hands of the printer.

I am sure you will agree with our committee that the medal is a thing of great artistic merit,and is interesting also for its special significance. The announcements which John Nash has prepared for us I think do the medal real justice,too,in artistic presentation. I hope that you and the other members of your Society will like as much as we do.

Cordially yours,

J.B.P.-ALW

Jessica B. Peixotto

Post Script:- I have ordered 100 folders like the enclosed to be sent you today.

March 7th, 1919.

Prof. Jessica B. Peixotto,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Prof. Peixotto:-

Your letter of February 24th has been received. I am enclosing a description of a medal issued under auspices somewhat similar to your own. This page is taken from the "Numismatist", the organ of the American Numismatic Association. My suggestion was that a similar brief description of the "Children's Year Medal" accompanied by a reproduction be prepared, but I am undecided from your letter whether you still desire this done. As our copy for the April issue must be in the hands of the printer before the 20th of March, may I ask you to send me a special delivery, or if the expense is not prohibitive, a telegram stating whether you would like such a notice prepared for the April number of the Numismatist. I believe this would be more fruitful than the mere sending out of one hundred circulars, a proportion of which certainly will miss fire.

Awaiting your response,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

P. S. The circular mentions no price, which was to be, if I remember rightly, five dollars for copies in bronze. This is correct, is it not?

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March 27th, 1919.

Dr. Jessica B. Peixotto,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Peixotto:-

I was somewhat annoyed to receive a letter from the Editor of the Numismatist a few days ago stating that he could not publish the Children's Year Medal until the May issue, consequently I may not be able to send you any orders much before that date. I presume you will make arrangements whereby the Medallic Art Company will be instructed to furnish us the number that may be needed. Will you let me know at your convenience how soon you expect to issue them to your State Committees?

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

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CHILDREN'S YEAR MEDAL COMMITTEE

April 3rd, 1919.

My dear Mr Noe:-

I am sorry that the Editor of the Numismatist has been obliged to postpone the publication of the Children's Year Medal, but evidently the delay is unavoidable.

Orders for any number of medals, if sent direct to me, are forwarded to the Medallic Art Company, and attended to by them as soon as possible.

In answer to your last question, every State Chairman of the Children's Year should receive a medal by April 6th. There are at present no State Committees in existence dealing especially with the distribution and business of the Medal itself.

Sincerely yours
Jessica B. Peixotto
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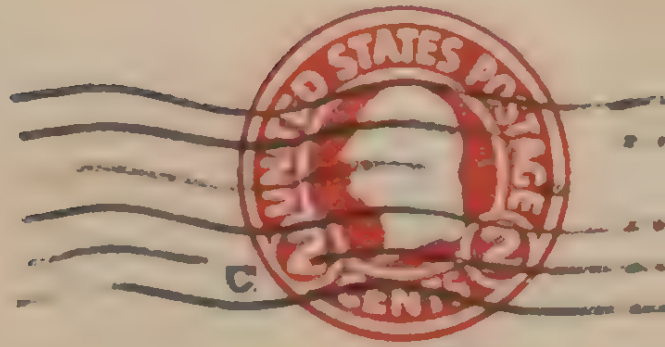
NEW YORK, N. Y.



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April 5, 1919.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway near 155th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Please send to the Connecticut State Library with bill in duplicate two of the bronze medals struck [illegible].

Very truly,

Geo. S. Godard

State Librarian

B.

April 7 -

120 EAST FIFTY FIFTH STREET

Sec'y Am. Numismatic Society -

City -

Kindly furnish me the Chemical
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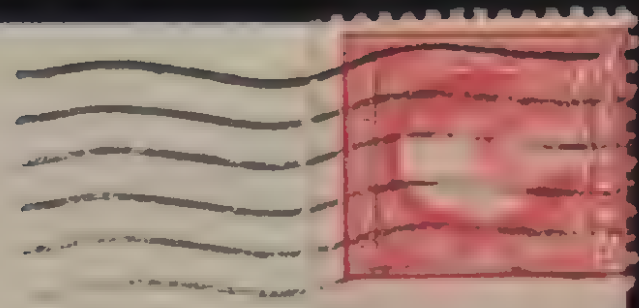
Cologne & Co — -

Yours

Wm Barbour Wallace



Secretary
American Humane Society
155 E 4th
City —

April 18, 1918.

Dr. Jessica B. Peixotto, Secretary,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Peixotto,

I sent out a number of circulars regarding the Children's Year Medal, and so far have responses ordering four. These are from the following:

Frederic Lindall Winthrop, 40 Wall St., New York City 1
Mrs. Charles de Heredia, 120 East 85th St.," " " 1
Geo. S. Godard, State Librarian,
Connecticut State Council of Defense,
Hartford, Conn. 2

Total 4

Do you not think that it would be desirable from the plan of economy and time that you permit me to order direct from the Medallic Art Co. any further copies which might be needed to fill orders that come to us. This would obviate the orders having to go to you in California and come back again before they could be filled, -- a delay of two weeks.

I will later send you a check to cover the copies ordered if that is satisfactory to you, because it will enable us to make out one cheque rather than several separate ones. We can easily indorse the cheques and send them because I fixed the price at $ 2.00 in order to include postage.

Trusting that this arrangement will be satisfactory to you, and that you will instruct the Medallic Art Co. accordingly, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Children's Year Medal

Received		Deposited	
G. L. Winthrop	$2.60	April 17,	1919.
Mrs. Carlos de Heredia.	2.60	" 17,	
Henry B. Jacobs	2.65	May 8,	
Frank F. Fletcher	2.60	June 5,	
E. E. Wright	2.65	" 12,	
George S. Godard (1)	5.30	" 19,	
Howland Wood	2.50	" 25,	

Children's Year Medal.

Received		Deposited
Grenville L. Winthrop	$ 2.60	April 17
Georgie F. C. Heredia	2.60	" 17
Connecticut State Library		Not paid

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CHILDREN'S YEAR MEDAL COMMITTEE

April 21, 1919

Mr.Sydney P.Noe,
Broadway between 155 & 156 Sts.,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr.Noe:

Dr.Peixotto is well satisfied with the suggested arrangement that you order medals hereafter direct from the Medallic Art Co., sending her a notation of the orders placed, and for whom they are ordered. I am writing the Medallic Art Co. this morning to order the four medals mentioned in your letter of April 18th, requesting them to send them to you, and to bill them in duplicate to you and to us, for convneience of our files. They will bill your future orders in the same manner.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr.Peixotto.

JBP:W

DR. HENRY BARTON JACOBS
11. MT. VERNON PLACE W.
BALTIMORE.

May 6th, 1919.

Secretary,
The American Numismatic Association,
Broadway & 156th St., New York.

Dear Sir:-

I see by the May number of "The Numismatist" that you are accepting orders for the new medal brought out by the Children's Bureau. I enclose you a cheque for $2.65, the cost of the medal plus postage. Please let me have the medal as soon as it can be delivered.

Very truly yours,

Henry Barton Jacobs

Check sent to
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NEW ORLEANS, LA

June 4th 1919

American Numismatic Society

New York City

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith please find my check for $2.65 for a copy of the "Childrens Bureau" as illustrated in Ma y issue of the Numismatic, which I believe covers cost registration and post age.

Yours very truly

E E Wright

check 2.65
Ordered sent
June 10/19

November 6th, 1919.

Dr. Jessica B. Peixotto,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Peixotto:-

Referring to the Children's Year Medal, which we offered to our members through the pages of the Numismatist, our records show, and Mr. Weil confirms, that he has delivered to us nine copies of this medal. You will recall that we charged postage in addition to the price which you gave me, and that we therefore should remit to you for these nine medals at the rate of two dollars and a half each. I am today having our Bank, The Central Union Trust Company of New York, send you a draft to cover this amount. I regret that we were not able to sell a greater number of copies of the medal.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

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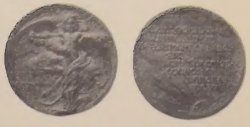

November 19, 1919.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, bet. 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have received the check from The Central Union Trust Company and appreciate what you have been able to do in relation to medals.

Very sincerely yours,

JBP/S

Jessica B. Peixotto